

Fort William Battle Gamely But Lose Out

Varsity Grads Subdue Western Champions in Fourth and Final Game of Allan Cup Series After Two Overtime Periods; Great Game Keeps Immense Crowd on Feet Most of Time; Grads Will Represent Canada in Olympic Games Next Year; 42,000 Fans Saw Four Games, Setting Record

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Vancouver, April 2.—When Ross Taylor, sterling defence star, slammed the puck past Kearney one minute and fifty-eight seconds after the start of the second overtime period he gave the Toronto Grads the amateur hockey championship of Canada and brought to a close the most colorful and spectacular Allan Cup series ever staged in Canada. The Eastern champions defeated Fort William, western titleholders, by the score of 2-1 last night before a crowd of 10,000 howling fans who made the Vancouver Arena look like a mad-house.

Toronto Grads by their victory earned the right to represent Canada at the Olympic games to be staged next year at St. Moritz, Switzerland. When the Grads and Forts skated off the ice last night the finest amateur hockey series ever staged in Canada was brought to a finish. It was a tough one for the Forts to lose, as they put everything they had into the game, but they were forced to admit defeat through the breaks going against them. They also had to go through the series with Pettinger, their star centre, out of the game with a broken wrist. With Pettinger playing there are thousands who think the Forts would have won the first two games and the title.

When Referee Frank Patrick blew the final whistle the crowd of fans went wild, while the manager and supporters of the Grads ran on to the ice and embraced the Queen City players.

ANYBODY'S GAME
Taking the whole series into consideration the Grads and Thunder Bay lads proved two of the most evenly matched clubs that ever battled for the Allan Cup. Last night's game was anybody's game right up until the last second of play, but the Grads had Lady Luck on their side.

Both clubs played cautious, real championship hockey and it was not until the overtime periods that the teams opened up the play. The game was exceptional, being set up until the final overtime session, when the high tension which the players were unname thick and fast. Fort William were the worst offenders.

In the first game of the series the teams battled to a one-all tie after ninety minutes of torrid hockey. Fort William took the second encounter 1-2, while the Grads won the third 4-1.

The Grads went into last night's game favorites by odds of three to two, but after the first period there were few in the Arena who would concede either team an edge.

GOALS CLOSE TOGETHER
In the first period neither team scored, as was the case in all four games. Toronto advanced into the lead in the second period, when Plaxton sagged the hump, but the Forts came right back and Ward evened up four minutes later. The Grads' goal was rather a soft one. Kearney's went to his knees and the puck glanced over his shoulder into the net. Ward's counter came when he took a pass from behind the goal and drove the rubber into the net before goalie Sullivan had a chance to get himself for the shot.

The fans were treated to another fine exhibition of goal tending, by both Kearney and Sullivan. The former stopped shot after shot driven like bullets. Sullivan shone more on close-in plays, and in the second period made several spectacular saves.

At 7 o'clock the first of the fans began to pour into the Arena, and for the next hour and a half a steady stream of hockey enthusiasts passed through the doors. At 8:15 o'clock the 5,500 rush seats were filled and the doors closed. Nearly 45,000 fans saw the four-game series, which set a record for the Allan Cup series.

FIRST PERIOD
Fort William came on the ice first, and got a big hand from the crowd, received an even greater ovation. Mayor J. D. Taylor of Vancouver faced off the puck.

Fort William started with a three-man rush, and Taylor broke it up with a poke. Davis tried a long shot from centre, but was not successful. Trotter off for tripping. Cook missed an easy one in front of the net on a pass from Haquoff and Plaxton went down in a three-man shift one on the Fort William net. Sullivan made a pretty save from a three-man rush, the shot being directly on. Ward knocked Sipran down with his shot. Trotter on again. Plaxton went down alone on shot, but Kearney fell on the puck. Offsets were frequent in the first five minutes, the whistle continually blowing. The Toronto defence was much tighter than the Forts. The Grads sent in a number of shots from the side, but Kearney had little trouble saving.

The Grads were lucky when the Forts came down with a three-man rush, got past the two-man defence and gave Sullivan an anxious time, but he saved. The play speeded up half way through the period. Trotter had a good chance to score on a pass from Hudson, but shot was blocked off for slashing. Cook made

a pretty solo rush through the whole team, but his shot was weak. Plaxton let go a hard one, which Kearney took on his chest and Ward broke up a rush that promised a goal right after. Taylor on again. Fraser nearly scored on his own team on a pass from Plaxton out of the corner. The puck hit his stick and bounced nearly into the net. Cook was through, but his shot went into the stands. Kearney was lucky to save a terrific back-hand flip from Plaxton.

SECOND PERIOD
Fort William opened on a shot from the blue. Plaxton came back with a drive that nearly knocked Kearney down. Cook and Ward broke three rushes in a row. Ward got a nice opening from a face off, had a clear field, but he skated too long. The Grads went in on a three-man rush, and Kearney came out to save. Both teams were shooting from outside the blue line. The whistle was tooting continually similar to the first period. Kearney pulled a lucky save on a stiff shot from Trotter.

Hudson and Trotter gave Kearney some anxious moments. Toronto had the better of the play in the first ten minutes.

Taylor let go a back-hand shot which Kearney just saw in time and had to drop to his knees to catch it. Cook proved a thorn in the Grads side with his hook check. Sullivan stopped a lucky one straight from Cook. Both teams were sending down lightning combinations. The Forts threw everything they had into the game and had an edge on the play.

Toronto scored when Plaxton, with a backhand shot, beat Kearney clean, the rubber hitting the net half way up inside. The time was 12:55.

The score came after Plaxton had stolen the puck from Cook and tricked two of the defence.

Tuckwell off for tripping. He argued with the referee but his team mates championed the official. Fraser off for tripping Trotter just as he was getting to shoot. Fort William had only four men on the ice and the Grads circled the net like bees. Davis got away and went through the Grads' defence to send a pretty drive on Sullivan. Tuckwell on again, and he got a big hand from the fans.

Fort William scored, and the cheering that followed was prolonged and deafening. Ward scored from inside the blue line, Sullivan never seeing the shot. It came after the Forts had sent a three-man rush down. Davis had shot and, after Sullivan had cleared, two of the players mixed up in trying to come out and the puck was sent out toward the blue line where Ward secured and lifted it to the net. The time was 4:20.

Both teams were rushing hard at the close of the period and put up a clean and fine exhibition.

THIRD PERIOD
Both teams rushed at the start, but the defences checked strenuously. Trotter missed an open goal after Taylor had shot and the puck flew back to him.

Toronto bored in and passed out behind the net but the passes were not taken advantage of, while on the other hand the Forts were content to drive the puck from the blue line. Kearney made a lucky save from Plaxton on a shot clog in.

Right afterwards Kearney pulled a very sensational save after Plaxton had gone through and it looked like a certain goal.

Ward, star man of the Forts forwards, had his first substitution. The Grads did most of the shooting, and Kearney had to pull off some sensational work to keep his net clean. Toronto scored, but the play was called an offside. Trotter making the shot. The Grads' players protested. Cook was sent off for slashing Trotter. Play was held up as the argument continued. They start again. The Grads used every man in rushes to test Kearney. The Forts only used one man on the rush, and kept three on defence, both Fraser and Ward going down on soles and getting big hands for the play. Delahey went off for tripping Tuckwell just as he was getting set to shoot. Cook on again. The Grads were one man short. Fort William scored, but it was another offside. Tuckwell sagged the net after a three-man rush. Delahey on again. Both teams giving everything they have, but the defence was like iron walls. Fort William got away on a three-man

rush, but Cook missed his pass. He secured, however, and Sullivan barely saved his shot with his skate. The Forts were having the better of the play, but could not finish. Trotter went down alone and penetrated the defence, but his shot was wild. With only five minutes to go crowd had visions of another overtime game. Both teams were evenly matched, and it was evident that a break would decide the game. Cook was very much in evidence with his poke check, but was forced to shoot from outside the blue line. Ward nearly scored when he got past the defence, but Sullivan cleared.

FIRST OVERTIME PERIOD
Before the first overtime period started, Manager Patrick, of the Arena, suggested that in case of a fifth game being necessary, the receipts be given to the Gyro Playgrounds' Association.

Porter went off at the very start for slashing. With the Grads one man short they took their time coming out and shot the puck far up the ice. Trotter got away and shot from the blue line, but was wide. Taylor went down right afterwards and put one on Kearney's pads after Sullivan had cleared from Haquoff. Porter on again. Kearney came out to save from Trotter when he was through and saved what seemed a sure goal. Play was fairly slow compared with the previous periods. First five minutes over, they now change ends. They face-off. Kearney went to his knees to save from a face-off. Taylor went down on a three-man rush. Kearney stopping a dangerous shot. Ward tried a shot from the boards. It was wild. Davis lifted a high one. Sullivan catching it in his hand. F. Sullivan went down but was shoved into the corner. Tuckwell drove one from centre. It was right on. McLeod got a nice pass on a three-man rush but he shot wild. Cook was through, but he also shot wild. McLeod off for bumping Trotter when he was through. Cook had another chance to score when he was through, but his shooting was at fault. Ward got a big hand when he circled the Grads team twice and shot on goal. Taylor off for slashing. Both teams were short a man. Ward started down again at breakneck speed, but he kicked the puck and the whistle stopped the effort. Both teams shot wild. First overtime period over. No score. The teams rested for five minutes before taking the ice for another ten-minute session.

SECOND OVERTIME PERIOD

The Grads started one man short. Taylor serving out a penalty. Cook put two shots on Sullivan before Porter went up the ice, but lost the puck before he could shoot. Taylor on again. Plaxton off when he put McLeod over his back. The crowd booed when Toronto killed time while one man short. Tuckwell off for bumping Trotter. Trotter and Taylor went down but the former's shot was wild. Ward went down on a solo on a return play, but was shoved into the corner. Plaxton on again. Cook went off for slashing Trotter with his stick. Tuckwell came on again, but the Forts were still one man short. Ward drove one from his own blue line but Sullivan came out to save, and the puck rolled through his legs. First five minutes are over. They change. Fraser off for slashing Ward. Both teams used the wood and their bodies freely. Tuckwell had a wonderful chance on a two-man rush with the defence practically beaten, but he held the puck too long. Fraser went off for slashing. Cook on again. Sullivan made a pretty save on Tuckwell's hard drive. Play speeded up again and the Grads had a slight edge.

Toronto scored, Taylor from Delahey on a pretty pass from beside the boards. It was a very pretty combination effort, and Taylor's shot beat Kearney clean.

With only three minutes to go play speeded up. Tuckwell went off for taking a wild slash at Trotter. Fort William shot from all angles, the Grads all laying back on the defence. Trotter off for tripping. The Grads were checking the Forts at their own blue line, giving them little chance to break away. Sullivan made a beautiful save when three Forts men came right in on him. Both teams were fighting their hardest, but the pace was telling on them. Tuckwell on again. Cook went off for deliberately slashing at Taylor, and he was off for the rest of the game. Taylor lying flat on the ice. With thirty seconds to go the Grads were keeping the play in neutral territory.

Game over.

LINE-UP
Grads Position Ft. William
J. Sullivan Goal..... Kearney
Porter Defence..... Davis
Taylor Defence..... Tuckwell
Plaxton Forward..... Cook
Hudson Forward..... Ward
Trotter Forward..... Haquoff
F. Sullivan Sub..... McLeod
Delahey Sub..... Fraser
Referee—F. Patrick
Judge of Play—Beattie Ramsay.

SUMMARY
First period—No score.
Second period—1, Toronto, Plaxton, 12:55; 2, Fort William, Ward, 4:20.
Third period—No score.
First overtime period—No score.
Second overtime period—2, Toronto, Taylor from Delahey, 1:55.

PENALTIES
First period—Trotter, Taylor, 2 minutes each.
Second period—Tuckwell, Fraser, 2 minutes each.
Third period—Cook, Delahey, 2 minutes each.
First overtime period—Porter, McLeod, Taylor, 2 minutes each.
Second overtime period—Plaxton, (2), Tuckwell (2), Trotter, Fraser, 2 minutes each; Cook, balance of game.

TILDEN BEATS LOTT
Augusta, Ga., April 2.—William Tilden II of Philadelphia defeated George Lott, youthful Chicagoan, yesterday in the men's finals, 11-9, 4-6, 2-6-1.